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SUBJECT: SPECIAL LAW OF THE SEA REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN

REF: A) POS 2394; B) POS 1885; C) STATE 222611

1. SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK WITH TRINIDAD AND
TOBAGO FOREIGN MINISTER DR. CUTHBERT JOSEPH AND HIS
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PERMANENT SECRETARY, EUSTACE SEIGNORET, REVEAL THAT

GOTT THINKING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL LOS REGIME FOR THE CARIBBEAN REMAINS MUCH AS ORIGINALLY DESCRIBED TO ME BY PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS IN JULY (REF B), EXCEPT FOR THE SLIPPAGE IN TIMING OF THE REVELANT CONFERENCES.

2. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE OF ECLA IS NOW EXPECTED TO BE HELD IN HAVANA ABOUT OCTOBER 30, 1975. IT HAD INITIALLY BEEN ANTICIPATED THAT THIS COULD HAVE BEEN HELD IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, THUS PAVING WAY FOR LOS MEETING INCLUDING THE NON-REGIONAL ECLA MEMBERS WITH ISLAND TERRITORIES IN THE CARIBBEAN (USA, THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE AND UK) IN LATE OCTOBER.

3. THE GOTT NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ECLA SECRETARIAT, TO WHOM THEY ARE LOOKING TO ARRANGE FOR THE MEETING, BELIEVES THE CARIBBEAN LOS MEETING CAN BE CONVENED IN PORT OF SPAIN IN JANUARY 1976 (REF A), GOTT IS ANXIOUS THAT THE TIMING NOT SLIP ANY FURTHER IN VIEW OF THE RECONVENING OF THEWORLD LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK IN MARCH.

4. PERMANENT SECRETARY SEIGNORET INFORMED ME THAT GOTT, AS PRIME MOVER OF THIS CONFERENCE, FELT RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOP PROPOSALS AND AN AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND THAT THIS EFFORT WAS UNDERWAY NOW. HE PROMISED TO PROVIDE FULLER DETAILS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER INITIAL CONSULTATION WITH CARICOM PARTNERS.

5. SEIGNORET ASSURED ME, HOWEVER, THAT GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF GOTT THINKING REMAINED AS DESCRIBED IN REF B AND THAT INTENT WAS TO DEVELOP MECHANISM FOR SHARING THOSE RESOURCES WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD BE CARVED UP INEQUITABLY AMONG COMPETING ECONOMIC ZONES WITHIN CROWDED CARIBBEAN SEA (I.E. THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONES BEING DEFINED BY THE WORLD LOS COFERENCE). HE REITERATED THAT THERE WAS NO INTENT TO PROPOSE ADDITIONAL MEASURE OF JURISDICTION WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH SUCH RIGHTS AS FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION.

6. QUESTION OF LEVEL OF DELEGATIONS SOUGHT HAS NOT YET
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BEEN DECIDED HERE, SO LATEST GUIDANCE REMAINS PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS' JULY DESCRIPTION THAT HE ENVISAGED CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT TECHNICAL LEVEL.
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